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- 1. Return Receipt postcard;
- 2. Information Disclosure Statement (1 page) and 4 references;
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Respectfully submitted,

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §1.97, Applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the references that are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. Copies of the cited references are submitted herewith, with the exception that, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a), U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications are not provided with the enclosed PTO Form 1449.

Applicants request that the cited references be considered and listed on the face of any patent issuing from this application. These citations do not constitute an admission that the references are relevant or material to the claims, but rather only constitute the closest art of which Applicants are presently aware.

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